

Geography Skills

Analyze the maps in "Setting the Stage" for Unit 2 in your book. Then answer the following questions and fill out the map as directed.

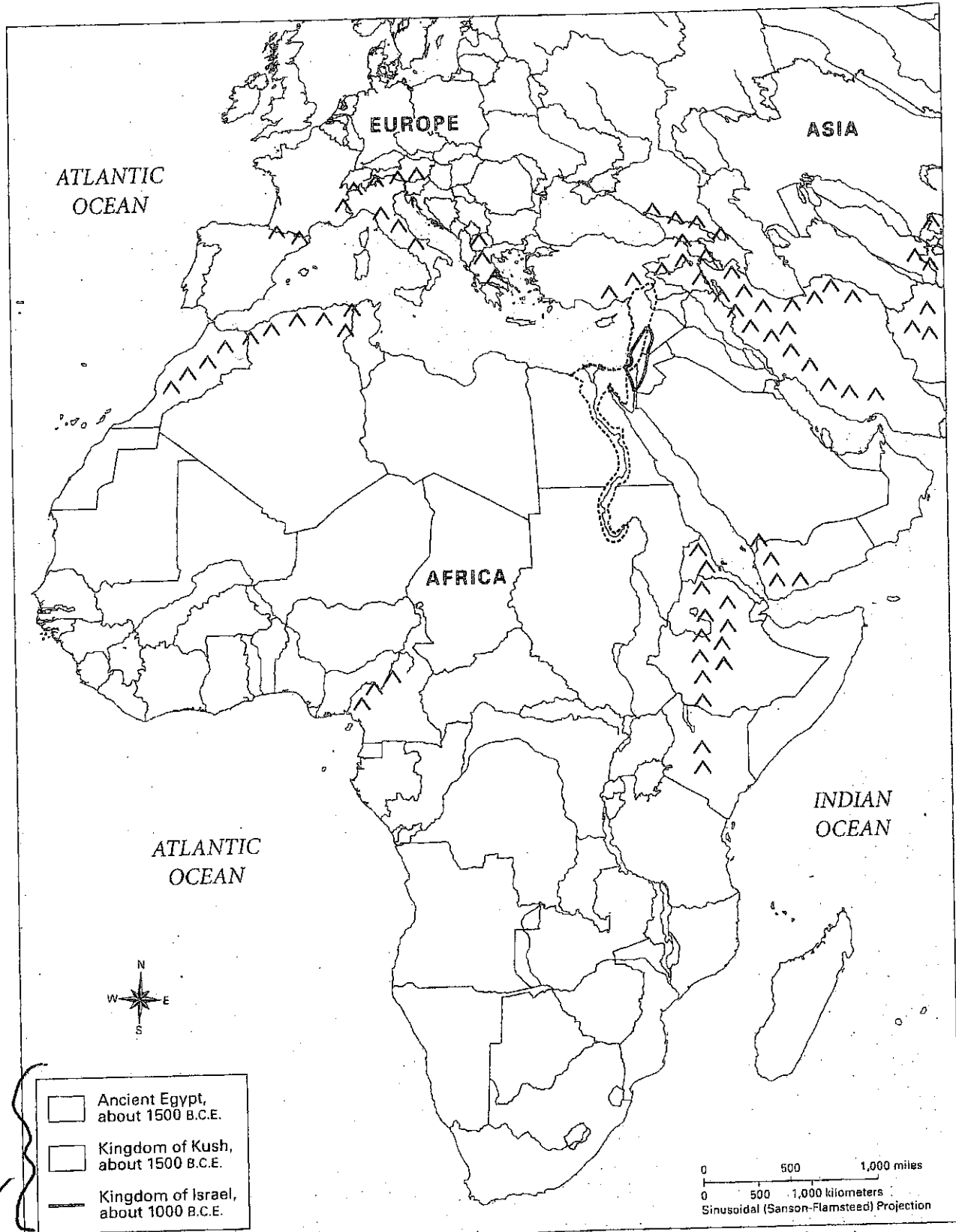
- 1. Locate the Arabian Peninsula on the outline map. Label it. The Arabian Peninsula is part of which continent? (purple)
- 2. Locate ancient Egypt on the map in the Unit 2 "Setting the Stage" in your book. Shade it on the outline map and key. Egypt is part of which continent? (orange)
- 3. Locate the Nile River and the Nile River delta on your map. Label them. (blue, green)
- 4. Four large bodies of water touch the shores of the Arabian Peninsula. Locate these bodies of water and label them on your map. (blue)
- 5. Locate the kingdom of Israel. Label it on your map. Then locate the kingdom of Kush. Label it on your map. (red, yellow)
- 6. Locate the ~~the~~ deserts that surrounded much of ancient Egypt. Label them on your map. (brown)
- 7. What are the two major vegetation zones in both ancient Egypt and the Middle East?
- 8. What do the boundaries of ancient Israel tell about its size compared with that of ancient Egypt? Compared with that of ancient Kush?

Critical Thinking

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

- 9. Considering the environmental factor of vegetation, why do you think civilization on the African continent began in Egypt, rather than farther west, in central North Africa?
- 10. What do the locations of deserts, rivers, and seas on this map tell us about where early people were likely to settle?
- 11. The kingdom of Kush was an important trading center in Africa. Why might its location explain this fact?
- 12. Ancient Egypt and the Arabian Peninsula have very few mountains. Most of the land is flat, with some low hills in places. How might the geography have influenced what ancient people did to make their living?
- 13. While most people who lived in ancient Egypt and the Middle East avoided settling in nearby deserts, those regions protected them from their enemies. Why do you think this was true?
- 14. Ancient Egyptians worshiped the Nile River as a god. Why do you think they did so?

Ancient Egypt, Kush, and Israel



Fill in key, using orange for Egypt, yellow for Kush, and red for Israel.